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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS:**

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and examination of this new U.S. patent application, claiming priority of Japan Pat. App. No. 2003-45148, Applicant respectfully submits the following Amendments and Remarks to be entered into the patent application identified above and earnestly request that the Examiner pass this application to allowance.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.